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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)
305055.01

First named inventor: Lucas R. Melton

Application No.: 10/692,549

Art Unit: 2166

Filed: October 23, 2003

Examiner: Shew Fen Lin

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TAXONOMY BRANCH MATCHING

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

- ☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1540.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

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☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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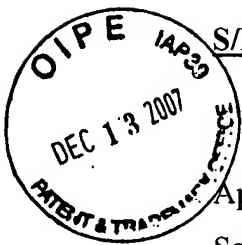
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PETITION TO REVIVE APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

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Applicant respectfully request the revival of the above identified patent application under 37 C.F.R § 1.137(b) as being unintentionally abandoned for failure to submit a reply to the non-Final Office Action of non-provisional application mailed April 06, 2007 by the Six month deadline of October 06, 2007.

Abandonment of this application was unintentional, and the entire delay in filing the reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of this petition was unintentional.

The commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee and any other fees which may be due to Deposit account No. 50-0463.

Respectfully submitted,

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